

THE COLEOPTERISTS SOCIETY



AN INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY
DEVOTED TO THE STUDY OF BEETLES



YOUTH INCENTIVE AWARD

The Coleopterists Society, an international organization of professionals and hobbyists interested in the study of beetles, has established a program to recognize young people studying beetles. The Society has pledged to provide up to \$1200 each year for the Youth Incentive Award Program. The Junior award is a monetary grant of \$400 and the Senior award is \$800. In addition, award recipients will each receive a one-year subscription to the society journal, *The Coleopterists Bulletin*.

This is for children of grades 7–12 only.

The objectives of the Youth Incentive Award are to:

- Provide encouragement and assistance to young beetle enthusiasts (grades 7–12).
- Promote the study of beetles, the most diverse group of insects, as a rewarding lifelong avocation or career.
- Provide opportunities for young people to develop important life skills such as leadership, cooperation, communication, planning and conducting a scientific study, grant writing and managing funds.
- Provide some financial support to enrich activities or projects.

A Youth Incentive Award Committee from the Coleopterists Society will evaluate the applications and will select up to two winners annually: one each in **junior (grades 7–9)** and **senior (grades 10–12)** categories. The selection committee invites proposals for topics such as field collecting trips to conduct beetle species inventories or diversity studies, attending workshops, or visiting entomology or natural history museums for special training and projects on beetles, studying aspects of beetle biology, etc. The proposed activities or projects will be evaluated on their degree of creativity, educational benefit to the applicant, scientific merit, feasibility, and budgetary planning. This Award is for proposals by **individuals only**. Each applicant is strongly encouraged to find an adult advisor (teacher, youth group leader, parent, etc.) to provide guidance in proposal development, but the proposal **MUST** be written by the applicant. The Coleopterists Society would also be happy to assist in establishing contacts between youth and professional Coleopterists.

Additional details and application forms for **The Coleopterists Society Youth Incentive Award Program** can be obtained from: Dr. David G. Furth; Entomology, NHB, MRC 165; P.O. Box 37012; Smithsonian Institution; Washington, D. C. 20013-7012 (phone: 202-633-0990, FAX: 202-786-2894, email: furthd@si.edu). Also check The Coleopterists Society WebPage: <https://www.coleopsoc.org/society-info/prizes-and-awards/>.

Applications for this year must be submitted by **1 November 2023**.

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YOUTH INCENTIVE AWARD APPLICATION

1. Applicant's Name: _____ Birth date: _____

2. Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

3. Advisor's Name: _____

4. Advisor's Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

5. Advisor's Biology/Entomology Background: _____

6. Division (check one): _____ Junior (grades 7–9) _____ Senior (grades 10–12)

7. SIGNATURES:

Participant: I, _____, submit my application for consideration by the review committee for The Coleopterists Society Youth Incentive Award (YIA) Program. If my project/activity is funded through the YIA Program, I agree to submit a report on my results.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Parent: I hereby grant permission for my daughter/son to participate in The Coleopterists Society Youth Incentive Award Program. I have read the application and understand the procedures and conditions set forth.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Advisor: I agree to serve as adult advisor for this project/activity and will strive to provide the advisee with encouragement, suggestions and assistance in the development and implementation of her/his project or activity.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

